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LETTER DATED 27 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that the demand set forth in the statement by the President of the Security Council of 6 April 1993 calling for the immediate withdrawal of Armenian armed units from the Kelbajar district of the Azerbaijani Republic is still being ignored by the Armenian side.

Furthermore, according to reports from the Azerbaijani Ministry of Defence, helicopters are continuing to transport personnel, weapons and ammunition from Armenia to Kelbajar. Valuable objects belonging to the Azerbaijani Republic and its citizens are being shipped out on return flights from populated areas in occupied Azerbaijani territory. At the same time, the Armenian armed forces are continuing engineering work aimed at strengthening their positions in the Kelbajar district.

The mass information media in Armenia are conducting a propaganda campaign attempting to establish a basis for the "age-old affiliation of Kelbajar with Armenia".

These and many other facts demonstrate that the Armenian armed units are not preparing to leave the territory of the Azerbaijani Republic occupied during recent fighting.

Under these conditions, we believe that only the adoption by the Security Council of a resolution demanding the immediate withdrawal of Armenian occupation troops from the Kelbajar district and its unconditional implementation by all sides could constitute the first real steps towards resumption of the negotiation process on a peaceful settlement of the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the circulation of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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